

REMARKS

In an Office Action mailed on October 1, 2004, claims 20-24 and 35-42 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph; and claims 25-28 and 43-47 were allowed. Applicant submits that the § 112, first paragraph rejections are overcome for at least the following reasons.

Regarding independent claim 20, the specification sets forth at least one embodiment for this claim. For example, referring to Fig. 4, beginning in line 20 on page 3 of the specification, the specification describes a skew correction circuit 20 that receives a data bit signal (called "DATA") and a data strobe signal (called "STROBE"), and based on a delay, or skew, between the DATA and STROBE signals, the skew correction circuit 20 produces a delayed data strobe signal (called "D_STROBE"). Thus, the above-described embodiment from the specification, the specification describes two strobe signals: the STROBE signal and the D_STROBE signal. Therefore, in a possible embodiment of the invention, the DATA signal represents a possible data bit signal; the STROBE signal represents a possible first strobe signal; and the D_STROBE signal represents a possible second strobe signal.

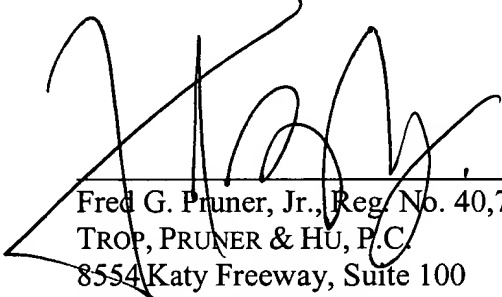
As such, the specification sets forth at least one embodiment of the method of independent claim 20. It is noted that the above-described embodiment for claim 20 is one out of many possible embodiments that fall within the scope of claim 20. Therefore, claim 20 is not to be limited to the specific embodiments that are described in the specification, such as the embodiment described above in connection with Fig. 4. Correlation between the claim elements and the signals of Fig. 4 were used above merely for purposes of showing that the specification describes at least one embodiment for claim 20.

For reasons similar to the ones set forth above, the specification describes at least one embodiment for the method of independent claim 35.

Thus, because the specification sets forth an enabling disclosure that supports independent claims 20 and 35, withdrawal of the § 112, first paragraph rejections is requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (ITL.0294US).

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